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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action mailed on September 29, 2000 as clarified in the Interview Summary mailed on October 10, 2000. A one month extension of time is requested which sets the deadline for this response to January 29, 2001.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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6. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the <u>pressurized gaseous</u> refrigerant stream [in the second recirculating refrigeration circuit] comprises nitrogen.